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## APPLICATION

Honorable James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation  
Louisiana Office of Conservation  
P.O. Box 94275  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: Austin Chalk Zone, Reservoir A  
West Cheneyville Field  
Evangeline Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

Application is hereby made on behalf of **CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC.** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters in the **Austin Chalk Zone, Reservoir A**, in the **West Cheneyville Field**, Evangeline Parish, Louisiana, to-wit:

1. To create four (4) additional drilling and production units for the exploration for and production of oil and gas, such units to be designated AUS C RA SUQ, AUS C RA SUR, AUS C RA SUS and AUS C RA SUT;
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed units, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
3. To designate Chesapeake Operating, Inc. as unit operator for each of the proposed units;

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4. To designate a unit well for each of the proposed units;
5. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Austin Chalk Zone in the West Cheneyville Field, Evangeline Parish, Louisiana was previously defined by Order No. 1415, effective March 11, 1997.

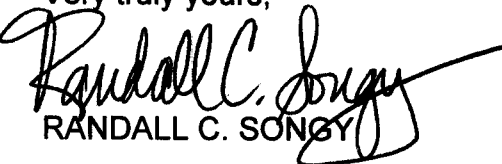
No conference to discuss the proposed application was held, as none was requested within the delays provided for by the Rules of Procedure; therefore, no opposition to this Application at the hearing is anticipated.

Pertinent data relating to the proposed application can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, by contacting **David Comeaux with Leon E. Comeaux & Associates, 305 Rue France, Lafayette, Louisiana 70508, (337)233-9839.**

There is attached hereto and made a part hereof plats outlining the proposed units and a list of the names and addresses of the interested parties to whom this unitization proposal is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list of parties is being furnished **ONLY** to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation. However, the list of parties will be provided to any party requesting a copy of it. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Finally, there is also enclosed a check in the amount of \$755.00, made payable to the Louisiana Office of Conservation, in payment of the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

  
RANDALL C. SONGY

RCS/elg/bad  
Enclosures

cc: Honorable James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation

Mr. Richard Hudson, District Manager  
Office of Conservation

**P.S. To all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties:**

You may have received this Application even though your property is not included in the proposed unit, because the Revised Rules of Procedure require us to attempt to also notify everyone owning an interest in the area "proximate to" the proposed units. In some cases, the area proximate to proposed units can extend as far as one-half mile outside the unit boundary.

Your receipt of this Application does not require you to take any action. It is meant to notify you of these proceedings so that you have the opportunity to participate if you so desire.

